



AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF KENYA**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF LIBERIA**

ON THE

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT
COMMISSION FOR COOPERATION**



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Preamble

The Government of the Republic of Kenya and the Government of the Republic of Liberia (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" and in singular as "Party").

DESIROUS to promote cooperation between the two countries in various fields of common interest,

CONVINCED of mutual benefits of bilateral cooperation between the two countries on the basis of sovereignty principles, national independence, equal rights and non-interference in the internal affairs of either State,

RECOGNIZING that constructive and permanent dialogue on aspects of bilateral relations and other global issues are useful and contribute to better reciprocal understanding, thus promoting closer relations between the Parties;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

Article 1 Establishment of the Joint Commission

The Government of the Republic of Kenya and the Government of the Republic of Liberia hereby establish a Joint Commission for Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the "Joint Commission") to be chaired by the Ministers/Cabinet Secretaries of Foreign Affairs of the Parties.

Article 2 Scope of the Joint Commission

The Joint Commission for Cooperation shall launch the general programmes for cooperation and coordination between the two countries in all fields of



interest, especially Political, Economic, Science and Technology, Commercial, Cultural, Judicial, Educational and Higher Education, Sports, Tourism, Maritime Security, Fisheries and all others dictated by the interest of the Parties.

Article 3 Composition

1. The Joint Commission will be led by the Ministers/Cabinet Secretaries for Foreign Affairs or by representatives duly designated by them and shall comprise the relevant senior officials representing concerned Ministries, Departments and Government Agencies.
2. Each Party shall determine the size and the composition of its delegation to the meetings of the Joint Commission and shall meet their travel and accommodation costs.
3. The Chair of the Joint Commission's meeting shall be jointly assumed by the leaders of the respective delegations with the host country being the Chair and the visiting Party being the Co-Chair.

Article 4 Functions of the Joint Commission

The duties of the Joint Commission for Cooperation include setting out the legal basis and frameworks necessary to achieve its goals to promote cooperation between the two countries in various fields especially the following:

- 1). Strengthening the Economic and Commercial Science and Technology fields and launching joint investment projects.
- 2). Supporting the cooperation in the Trade, Maritime Security, Educational Training, Cultural, Tourism, Environment, fisheries & Aquaculture, Power & energy, Mining, Information Technology, and all other fields the two countries agree on.
- 3). Subject to the internal procedures of each Party, to negotiate and conclude Agreements between the Parties.
- 4). Exchange views on matters of mutual concern as well as international co-operation.



Article 5
Records of the Joint Commission

The deliberations of each session of the Joint Commission agreed by the Parties shall be recorded in the form of Agreed Minutes adopted by the Commission. The Joint Commission shall take decisions and adopt recommendations by mutual consent.

Article 6
Implementation of the Agreement

The Joint Commission shall pursue the implementation of the signed Agreements, Memorandums of Understanding and executive programmes entered into between the Parties and study and resolve any problems that may arise from their implementation.

Article 7
Time and Place of Meetings

The Joint Commission shall have biennial meetings alternately in the capitals of both countries at the level of the Ministers/Cabinet Secretaries of Foreign Affairs or their representatives. The meeting shall be preceded by preparatory meetings at the level of senior officials and experts and if necessary the Joint Commission will call for extraordinary meetings.

The date and agenda of the meetings of the Joint Commission shall be agreed upon by the Parties through diplomatic channels on the basis of the proposal presented by both Parties.

Article 8
Ad Hoc Committees

The Joint Commission may create ad-hoc committees to study all common fields of cooperation between the Contracting Parties and to specify the scope of their work.

All the minutes of the sub-committee meetings shall be submitted to the Joint Commission for accreditation..



Article 9
Coordination of the Meetings

The Ministers/Cabinet Secretaries of Foreign Affairs of the Parties or representatives duly designated by them will be responsible for coordination, preparation and follow up of the meetings of the Joint Commission and of the sub-committees.

Article 10
Financial Obligations

Each Party will cover expenses related to its participation in the meetings of the Joint Commission, notably the international transport costs and living expenses. Costs relating to local transport, venue of meeting and food will be the responsibility of the State hosting the meeting.

Article 11
Other International Obligations

This Agreement does not affect, in any way, the obligations under international legal instruments already signed and ratified by the Parties or obligations under regional or international organizations to which they belong.

Article 12
Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute arising from the application or interpretation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably by the Parties through consultations and negotiations.

Article 13
Amendments

Any Party may propose amendments to this Agreement which if agreed between the Parties, will take effect upon signature by both Parties through Diplomatic channels.

Article 14
Communication

All communications between the Parties shall be through the established diplomatic channels.



Article 15

Entry into Force and Duration of the Agreement

This Agreement shall come into effect from the date of receiving the last notification informing the other Party that all necessary internal procedures by each party have been completed. The Agreement will be valid for a period of five years and will be automatically renewed for subsequent periods of five years unless either Party notifies the other of its intention to terminate the Agreement. Such termination shall take effect after six months from the date of notification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement in duplicate in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE at *Nairobi* this *12th* day of *December* 2015.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

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